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TAGS: SENV, UNEP

SUBJECT: EXDIR STRONG COMMENTS ON HIGH-LEVEL PERSONNEL
SHIFTS AND OTHER UNEP MATTERS

1. CANADIAN HICOM OLIVIER TOLD ME JAN 7 OF A RECENT CON-
VERSATION HE HAD WITH UNEP EXDIR STRONG IN WHICH STRONG SAID HE
EXPECTS ENTIRE TOP-LEVEL OF UNEP SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING
NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT ALSO DEPUTY EXDIR TOLBA, ASST. EXDIR
FROSCHE AND FUND DIRECTOR BERTHOUD, TO LEAVE UNEP THIS
YEAR. PENDING SHIFTS HAVE CREATED SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM
WITHIN UNEP, WITH RESULT THAT OTHER RESIGNATIONS AT DIVISION
DIRECTOR LEVEL AND BELOW ARE ALSO PROBABLE SOON.

2. STRONG TOLD OLIVIER THAT WALDHEIM'S INITIATIVE IN NOMINATING
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PEREZ DE CUELLAR AS HIS SUCCESSOR, FACT THAT PERUVIAN NOW

HAS SUPPORT OF AFRO-ASIAN GROUP FOR JOB, PLUS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT STATUS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HEAD AND WFC'S RELATIONS WITH FAO, HAVE PLACED HIM IN SUCH A DIFFICULT POSITION

THAT HE NOW PLANS TO LEAVE UNEP SOMETIME AFTER GC-III. STRONG LEFT IMPRESSION THAT HE HAS ABOUT WRITTEN OFF WFC AS A POSSIBILITY, BUT MIGHT ACCEPT POSITION IF DRAFTED AND GIVEN SATISFACTORY TERMS OF REFERENCE. IF HE TOOK THE WFC JOB, HE MIGHT ALSO CONTINUE WITH UNEP LONG ENOUGH TO ENSURE CONTINUITY AT TOP.

3. STRONG ALSO MENTIONED PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF \$10 BILLION INVESTMENT TRUST FOR RECYCLING PETRODOLLARS AND INDICATED HE ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT HEAD TRUST. HE TOLD OLIVIER THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS, HE WILL HAVE TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT HIS FUTURE QTE VERY SOON UNQTE.

4. ON SUBJECT IHHSF, STRONG SAID KENYANS ARE MAKING STRONG PITCH TO HAVE FOUNDATION LOCATED IN NAIROBI. STRONG BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND PLANS TO ARGUE AGAINST IT OPENLY AT GC-III ON GROUNDS THAT IHHSF SHOULD BE IN GENEVA WHERE IT CAN COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES MORE EFFICIENTLY WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: I AM HAVING STRONG TO LUNCH MONDAY FEB 10 AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON ANY POSITIONS OR QUESTION IT MAY WANT ME TO RAISE WITH HIM.
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